

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/664,918	OGURA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Usman Khan	2622	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/05/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3 and 5-16.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Regarding objection to specification provided in the previous office action for not providing a descriptive title. Applicant has amended the title of the invention to overcome the objection to the specification.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 – 3, 5 – 16 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding independent **claim 1**, the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest a second shift register having a lower driving frequency than that of the first shift register, wherein the first and second shift registers are arranged along respectively different side portions of the chip; an amplifier for amplifying the signal charge read from the pixel region by the first shift register, outputting video signals; and a pad for outputting the video signals to an outside of the chip, the pad being arranged only along a side portion of the chip not parallel to the side portion along which the first shift register is arranged; in combination with other elements of the claim.

Regarding **claims 2 – 3 and 5 – 8, 11, and 14**, these claims are allowed as being dependent from allowed independent claim 1.

Regarding independent **claim 9**, the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest a second shift register having lower driving frequency than that of the first shift register, wherein the first and second shift registers are arranged along respectively different side portions of the chip; an amplifier for amplifying the signal charge read from the pixel region by the first shift register, outputting video signals; and a pad for supplying a voltage to the amplifier, the pad being arranged only along a side portion of the chip not parallel to the side portion along which the first shift register is arranged; in combination with other elements of the claim.

Regarding **claims 12 and 15**, these claims are allowed as being dependent from allowed independent claim 9.

Regarding independent **claim 10**, the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest a second shift register having a lower driving frequency than that of the first shift register, wherein the first and second shift registers are arranged along respectively different side portions of the chip; an amplifier for amplifying the signal charge read from the pixel region by the first shift register, outputting video signals; and a pad for supplying a predetermined voltage or a ground voltage to an active element included in a pixel in the pixel region, the pad being arranged only along a side portion of the chip not parallel to the side portion along which the first shift register is arranged; in combination with other elements of the claim.

Regarding **claims 13 and 16**, these claims are allowed as being dependent from allowed independent claim 9.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Usman Khan whose telephone number is (571) 270-1131. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thru 6:45-4:15; Fri 6:45-3:15 or Alt. Fri off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Ometz can be reached on (571) 272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Ometz', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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